

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, July 1876, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Friday, July 1876. My dear Alec:

I have only time for a short note to say we have lived safely and unbarned through about the most fearful thunder-storm I ever saw, and that I did not get drowned this morning. I was far too frightened to venture much beyond the surf and that too not without Cousin Sam close by.

My dear you must not be alarmed if my letters come irregularly. It will not be my fault, but we are living seven miles from a post-office and have no regular postman. Capt. Baxter charges one cent on every letter he carries. Last summer he started early and caught the seven o'clock boat, now he does not leave until our breakfast hour, too early for us to write in the morning and too late for the early boat.

There's the carriage, I am going to town with Carrie and will mail this and try and see if there are no letters from you, I have not had any. I thought we were going to be struck last night the lightning was so bright. Driving is not conducive to plain writing. I hope you are quite well it is amusing to compare you and Cousin Sam.

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